

NOTICE TO THE BAR

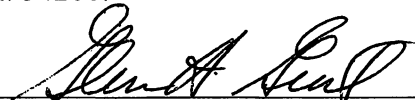
ADDING P-SYNCH AS INFORMATION SECURITY MEASURE FOR JUDICIARY WEB-BASED APPLICATIONS -- eCOURTS, eCDR, eTRO, eJOC, eVNF, EM, MACS, DVCR, AND ATTORNEY REGISTRATION

This notice is to advise that the New Jersey Judiciary is implementing an additional information security measure for those individuals who use Judiciary web-based applications, in particular, attorney registration, eCourts, eCDR, eTRO, eJOC, eVNF, EM, MACS, and DVCR. The new security requirement – password synchronization or p-synch – will require users to electronically reset their passwords every 90 days.

This requirement is being added to ensure that our systems and data are protected and secure consistent with industry security standards (National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework (NIST CSF)). **P-synch will be available to users of these applications as of August 13, 2018. All users must complete an initial update of their password through p-synch no later than October 14, 2018 at 5pm to avoid disruption in accessing the Judiciary's applications.** Users must select passwords that are no more than eight (8) characters long and contain at least one capital letter, one lower case letter, one numeral, and one of the enumerated special characters.

Additionally, this policy change will require that each user choose and answer three personal security questions that will later allow the user to reset their own password should their account become disabled, for example, because of an expired password. The answers to the three security questions should be kept confidential in order to reduce the risk of unauthorized access and allow for most password resets to be done electronically. This new measure should allow user to reset their password by themselves and call the New Jersey Judiciary Help Center only when necessary. Detailed instructions on how to complete the required changes will be posted on the Superior Court Clerk's Office web page.

For additional information, please contact Michelle M. Smith, Clerk of the Superior Court, at michelle.smith@njcourts.gov or (609) 815-2900 ext. 54200.



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